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Black Market In Babies

New York, Feb. 5. According to the "New York Post" there is a roaring business in "black market babies with baby boys selling as high as US\$1,500 and girls US\$1,200.

Citing statistics, the "Post" declared that nearly 4,000 illegitimate babies are born each year.

The "Post" said brokers operate by promising unmarried mothers complete secrecy with expenses paid in exchange for their babies. The brokers then sell the babies to thousands of childless couples.

The illicit babies traffic is now so serious that a bill is to be introduced in the New York State Legislature making it illegal to accept money for a child's placement and sending State Welfare investigators into every home receiving a child for adoption from private sources.—Central News.

QUEEN MOTHER RECOVERS

London, Feb. 6. Queen Mary reportedly was recovering rapidly today from the slight cold and chill she suffered earlier this week.

The 80-year-old Queen Mother was "up and about" attending to her normal business at her Marlborough House residence, a member of her staff said.—United Press.

U. S., Russia Accept Compromise

(By Francis Carpenter)

New York, Feb. 6. The United States and Soviet Russia were reported today to have yielded on stubbornly fought points and accepted a French compromise designed to break the United Nations Security Council jam on arms limitation.

An informal committee of six council delegates with the United States and Russian representatives holding the spotlight were said to have agreed upon a French resolution as a working solution of the difficulty.

The main points of the French compromise provide for the creation of an arms limitation commission to draw up proposals for the Security Council and for the council to take quick action on the atomic energy commission report.

Suspect Blacked Out

Fort Dix, N.J., Feb. 6. A 29-year-old military policeman, wearing blood-stained trousers and carrying a newspaper clipping and picture of Elizabeth Short, was held today as a suspect in the "Black Dahlia" torture-murder.

Agents of the Army's Criminal Investigation Department said the suspect, Corporal Joseph Dumais, father of two children, admitted he had a date with Short on the night of Jan. 9, six days before her mutilated body was found in a vacant lot in Los Angeles. Dumais is being held at the psychiatric ward of the hospital at Fort Dix.

Army officials quoted Dumais as saying he was "blacked out" after spending the evening of Jan. 9 with her and remembered nothing until he recovered his sensibilities in New York Pennsylvania station.

Dumais told officers that his first wife died under "mysterious circumstances."

He recently returned from the European theatre and is at present married to a Czech girl whom he met while serving overseas in 1945.—United Press.

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JEWS REJECT ULTIMATUM

Clear Prelude To Action By Britain

Irgun Defiance Of Martial Law

Jerusalem, Feb. 6. The Jewish National Council today rejected the British ultimatum giving official Jewry until Tuesday to join in stamping out the Holy Land terrorism, and the Irgun Zvai Leumi, underground group, asserted that it would "fight to the last breath" against British authority.

In a formal resolution, the National Council told its 14-member executive to draft a full answer "in accord with the sentiments" of speeches at Wednesday night's Council session which unanimously expressed opposition to the ultimatum.

Members of the Jewish Agency and mayors of Jewish towns attended the Council meeting.

Describing the ultimatum by General Sir Alan Cunningham, Palestine High Commissioner, as a "clear prelude to action" by the British army, Jewish sources said it was an effort to justify in advance military operations which "have already been planned."

The Jewish underground defied the threat of British martial law today and appealed for world support in its battle against British rule.

A broadcast by the Irgun, paraphrasing Mr. Winston Churchill's Wartime defiance of Germany, said: "We know the road to freedom and peace leads through tears.

An important British policy statement is believed forthcoming, possibly today or tomorrow. British personnel at the Government printing plant worked all day yesterday on a top secret document for publication shortly.

Sources close to the Jewish Agency today predicted that the Agency leaders may refuse to continue discussions on Palestine with the British Government leaders because of the British ultimatum.

New Proposals

The sources said Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin said he would outline Britain's new plan for Palestine at the next meeting, but Jewish circles were convinced that Mr. Bevin was not prepared yet to sponsor the establishment of an independent Jewish state.

Meanwhile Foreign Office sources said the British Cabinet would approve fresh and more specific proposals for the arms limitation commission to write the rules of the arms limitation commission. Austin frequently left the committee rooms for telephone calls, one an urgent call from Washington.

Russian delegate Gromyko was reported to have accepted the French compromise generally, objecting only to a suggestion that the council order the military staff committee to submit a report within three months.

The French then dropped this point.

One informant, who would not be identified, said the main point remaining to be settled was the U.S. demand that the resolution state specifically that the commission's work would not interfere on the work of the atomic energy commission.

Russia is said to be objecting to this as unnecessary.—Associated Press.

"Travesty Of Empire" In Trinidad

London, Feb. 5. The "Daily Mirror," in a front page editorial, declared today that British conduct in Trinidad was a "travesty of Empire."

Inspired by John Walter's (the paper's correspondent) account of the recent raid by Island police against the trade union hall at Port of Spain in which the union printing press was smashed and several unionists shot, the paper said British conduct "violated the whole spirit of enlightened government in which we take pride."

The paper said it had asked Walter to lay up the facts after Sir Bede Clifford, Governor of Trinidad, defied the Colonial Office that the printing press had been smashed.

"The Mirror" said destruction of the press was important because it "represented the workers' only access to freedom of the printed word."

President Of Poland Elected

Warsaw, Feb. 5.

Boleslaw Bierut, who headed the Polish Provisional Government, was today elected President of the Polish Republic by 408 votes against 25 blank and invalid papers. No other candidate was put forward.

Mikolajczak and his small group of peasant (opposition) supporters sat motionless while the other deputies rose and cheered the new President, but they rose to their feet and joined in the singing of the National Anthem.

Bierut later drove to Parliament in an open car—a huge German Mercedes—despite a blinding snowstorm. He was escorted by a company of Polish cavalry.

He took the presidential oath modified at yesterday's session of Parliament, when, upon the motion of the independent Catholic members, it was agreed with Communist support to include the words "with God's help."

Parliament will meet again on Saturday, when the new Government will formally be announced.

—Reuter.

ELIZABETH A BAD SHOT

London, Feb. 6.

Princess Elizabeth, flattening out on the rolling deck of HMS Vanguard, took careful aim and fired and missed. She kept missing for 30 rounds of rifle practice, reported the Exchange Telegraph correspondent Louis Nickolls, aboard the warship en route to South Africa with the Royal Family.

Princess Margaret then took

"INDECENT" FILMS BOYCOTT

Hollywood, Feb. 6. Catholic students of the Southern California Archdiocese announced today a one-month "boycott" of all movies and said they hoped to raise \$6,000,000 of their students throughout the country in a campaign against indecent films.

The boycott was prompted by the film "Duel in the Sun" which Archibishop John J. Cantwell said Catholics "must not" with free conscience attend.—United Press.

British Patrol Shot Up

Trieste, Feb. 5.

A British officer and a soldier are reported missing after a "Morgan Line" gunfire incident near the village of Cobidilis between British and Yugoslav patrols. Early yesterday morning, a British military spokesman said last night.

In the early hours, the spokesman said, the British and Yugoslav patrols met near the town, where the boundary is not clearly demarcated.

Some rounds were fired by the Yugoslav patrol and a British officer and one other rank are missing, the spokesman said. He added, however, that it was believed they were safe and unharmed in Yugoslav hands.—United Press.

her sister's place and held a rifle for the first time in her life. With her first shot she knocked over the target.—United Press.

Blizzards & Snow In Britain

London, Feb. 6. Sub-freezing temperatures continued in the British Isles today and the dreary cycle of electricity cuts and gas reductions began all over again. Blizzards raged in some areas. It was snow in others. Still others got sleet and rain.

London looked like dusk at 10 a.m. Lights where there were any were turned on giving the city a garish, yellow tinge. Three inches of snow fell during the night which quickly turned into mud and caused traffic jams even worse than usual.

Practically no transport was running on time.

In Germany, increasing cloudiness and cold was forecast. Snow fell intermittently and Frankfurt was blanketed with three inches.

Even in Switzerland, Mecca of winter sports, a blizzard stopped most air traffic and reduced the arrival of tourists.

Coal Crisis

Snow-encrusted coal piles levelled rapidly today in British cities but the Ministry of Fuel promised at all costs to keep the people warm in their homes even if it means closing down industry.

As shortages grew acute, domestic supplies ranged from two days in Exeter to two weeks in London—24 ships loaded with coal sailed from Newcastle in a raging North Sea blizzard on a "mercy voyage" to Southern England which had been cut off from coal producing regions by its worst weather in 50 years.

The country, carrying 60,000 tons of coal had been storm-bound itself for days.

Transport Hold-Ups

Reports from all parts of Britain said coal was en route but transportation hold-ups because of heavy snows, floods and rains were the principal bottlenecks.

The Ministry of Fuel said most of what is left will be allocated to electricity and gas plants upon which most British homes depend for heat, and fireplace allocation also had priority.

Walters said Muller, waving two guns, cried wildly for the oilfield workers' leader, Sir Bede Clifford, Governor of Trinidad, defied the Colonial Office that the printing press had been smashed.

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Vietnam Approach To France

Paris, Feb. 6.

The President of the permanent Viet Nam delegation in Paris today issued a communiqué in which the Viet Nam Republican Government proposed the immediate cessation of hostilities in Indo-China. It was the French Government to enter into negotiations with the Viet Nam Government for a settlement of the dispute along the lines of the Franco-Viet Nam agreement of March 8, 1946.

The communiqué said: "The Viet Nam people are firmly decided to carry to the end the fight to safeguard their most sacred rights of political independence and territorial unity within the framework of the French Union."

"But, conscious of the higher interests of the two nations, Viet Nam is convinced that with a new France her double objective can be obtained peacefully on the basis of agreements already concluded."

"A just and democratic peace is more than ever indispensable," the communiqué added.—Reuter.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson Dead

London, Feb. 6.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Minister of Education died today at the age of 56 at a hospital of a heart disease.

She had been suffering from bronchitis and was under treatment when death came. She entered hospital on Wednesday.

Miss Wilkinson was the first woman Minister of Education.

Tiny and red-haired, "Red" Ellen, as she was called, in Labour's fighting days ago, was the second woman Cabinet Minister in British history, the first being Margaret Bondfield in the earlier Labour administration.—United Press and Reuter.

Max Gardner

Washington, Feb. 6.

Max Gardner, new United States Ambassador to Britain died today. Gardner, who was 64, was scheduled to sail today in the "America" for London to take over his new post. He died in a New York hotel this morning from coronary thrombosis.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

The atmosphere over China is intensely pressure is very low E and N of Japan. A trough stretches from the area across the Bonins and along the S China coast. Pressure is still low over the equatorial region.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E winds becoming variable for a time; weather cloudy with scattered drizzle or rain developing.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 62.6 deg. Fahr. Minimum: 47.5 deg. Fahr. Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1 67.9 mm. as against an average of 41.5 mm.

Rainfall at 4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s. 102.27 101.00 mb.
Rel. Humidity 64 78 %
Sea. Point 50 51 deg. N.
Wind Direction E by N ESE
Wind Force 10 8 knots.

British Assurance To America

Washington, Feb. 5.

Mr. Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has assured the U.S. Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. John Snyder, that Britain will refrain from including in any future bilateral agreements clauses limiting a country's right freely to dispose of sterling balances.

This was disclosed by Mr. Snyder today when he made public letters exchanged with Mr. Dalton on the clauses in the Anglo-Argentine agreement which limits Argentina's ability to dispose of her sterling balances in any year when the balance of payments with the sterling area would be unfavourable to Argentina.

One of the principal heads of agreement which was signed in September last included the free disposition of Argentina's blocked sterling in Britain amounting to \$140,000,000.

Giving Mr. Snyder assurance regarding the future use of such a clause, Mr. Dalton added: "I note that if and when there is no discrimination at variance with the Anglo-American financial agreement would in fact arise."

No Discrimination

"I can readily assure you that it would always be our desire to avoid such discrimination, though I feel bound to say once more that I think that this is a theoretical but not practical con-

tингency."

In an earlier letter to Mr.

Snyder, Mr. Dalton declared that

the probability of a deficit between

Argentina and the sterling area

during the four years of the

agreement was "hypothetical."

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JUDGE'S CRITICISM

Assistant Crown Solicitor's Action

A strong criticism of the Assistant Crown Solicitor (Mr. R. S. Smith) for over-stepping the authority of the Magistrate's Ordinance by returning to a Government employee arrested on charges of bribery the \$2,000 found on him, was made by Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Yeung Shing-hung, CSO clerk, had jumped his \$5,000 bail.

His Lordship also criticised the inadequacy of the bail granted by the Magistrate, and demanded to know on what authority Mr. Smith had given the police permission to return the money to Leung without the authorisation of the Magistrate. Mr. Justice Williams further directed the Crown Counsel, Mr. A. J. Clifford, to bring to the attention of the Attorney-General Mr. Smith's improper handling of the case.

Due to appear before His Lordship yesterday morning on charges of agreeing to accept a bribe on Oct. 23 and of accepting a \$630 bribe on Oct. 28 in connection with the issue of an authority by the Exchange Control for payment to a non-resident in foreign currency, Yeung had been repeatedly called out by the usher inside the Court and along the corridor.

Yeung's bail was estreated and a warrant for his arrest was issued from the Bench by His Lordship.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, appearing for the accused, said that he last saw Yeung on Saturday. Yeung had two appointments with him for Monday and Tuesday, but did not appear for either. Mr. Silva said he then immediately notified the Crown Counsel and the police. He also made efforts to trace Yeung through his relatives but in vain.

Bail Inadequate

Mr. Clifford informed His Lordship that the police at the Magistracy had asked for \$10,000 bail and strongly opposed the fixing of bail at \$5,000.

He added: "If you accept the Crown's evidence that Yeung made large sums through his illegal efforts, is he admitted in his statement that he collected a five per cent usual charge on these documents, then the \$5,000 bail was inadequate. Furthermore, when Yeung was arrested a sum of \$2,000 was found on him in addition to the \$630 bribe. Yeung claimed that his wife was rich when questioned about the \$2,000 in his possession."

Mr. Justice Williams: "Mr. Clifford, you have mentioned the inadequacy of the bail. But that's a matter at the discretion of the Magistrate. In view of the strong evidence and the fact that Yeung had \$2,000 in his possession besides the \$630, I think the bail of \$5,000 was, in fact, inadequate."

"I presume the police have in their custody the \$2,000."

Mr. Clifford: "I'm afraid, Your Lordship, permission had been granted to return the money to accused."

Farmers Air Their Views

New Territory farmers were hosts to the English and Chinese Press at a reception held in the Golden Dragon Restaurant yesterday, when the reply of Father Ryan regarding complaints about the Vegetable Marketing Scheme, as given in the official statement published in the Press on Feb. 3, was discussed at length.

Individual farmers aired their views at the Reception and it was stated that in the event of their complaints not being adjusted, all the farmers in the New Territories would take part in a mass parade to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor, their pitiable condition.

It was also alleged by a non-Chinese farmer, as well as by Chinese farmers, that the Government Scheme had served to promote racketeering, which resulted in neither the farmer nor the consumer deriving any benefit from the Scheme.

HKVDC ORDERS

Orders by Lt.-Colonel E. J. R. Mitchell, OBE, ED, Commanding H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 6/47 of 6th February, 1947:

1. 1941 Camp Pay: Volunteers who failed to collect their 1941 Camp Pay at the stipulated time on Wednesday, Feb. 6 will have a further opportunity of doing so on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1947 at 1715 hours. Any amounts which are left uncollected after that date will be refunded to Treasury.

2. Pay Advances: Monthly advances against Pensions will be paid on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1947 at 15.15 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding of

Linton Henry de Cosier of 180a

Nathan Road, and Miss Mary

Patricia Ross, of 10 King's Ter-

race is announced.

A bill to amend the Betting Ordinance, 1931, was read a second and third time and passed at the meeting of Legislative Council after the Hon. Attorney General had moved the insertion of a clause providing for the reduction of allotment as prize-money from 76 to 72 per cent of total receipts on Jockey Club sweeps.

The Attorney General said that representation had been made requesting the reduction as betting duties were raised by the amendment to 25 per cent of receipts.

Other bills passed were an Ordinance to amend the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1936, and an Ordinance to provide for the remission of taxes, duties and fees to which consuls and consular officials may be subjected when payment of such money is in conflict with the privilieges of their office.

The remark about perpetual shortage of personnel is really comic, if it were not so tragic for some. Your very good paper reported a few days ago that 25 ex-Shanghai Police Officers had their services terminated (although the Force is apparently short of personnel). This is the most scandalous trick. Our Powers that be have ever perpetrated on a fine body of men.

At the end of one year's service they were asked to remain another two months, which, of course, gave them hope of being kept on. Many of these men were home on leave when war started and were sent back to their posts in Shanghai by the Foreign Office (Lord Halifax).

Crime is rampant here and personnel short, as many old Hong Kong officers will not be returning. Some Metropolitan police officers were brought out from Home, although they already had jobs and have worked all during the war. I consider these ex-Shanghai men should have had first chance of a contract, especially as they have done such good work here under very trying conditions.

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COLONEL ARRESTED IN DIAMONDS SCANDAL

San Francisco, Feb. 5.

Colonel Edward J. Murray, on leave from the Army of occupation in Japan, has been placed under technical arrest on General MacArthur's order, following the seizure by United States Customs agents of more than US\$200,000 in diamonds which Murray brought back from Japan.

Murray, who commanded troops of the division that was the spearhead of the American drive from Lingayen Gulf to Manila, was ordered placed in confinement "in quarters."

The order came by radio from General MacArthur after U.S. Customs officials informed Allied Headquarters of Murray's cache of undeclared diamonds which was uncovered two days ago.

A Customs official, Mr. Paul Leske, announced that \$10,000 worth of diamonds was found in Murray's effects when he disembarked from the "Westminster Victory" at Oakland Army base last Monday.

A cache of more than 500 gems worth over \$200,000 was uncovered in a safe deposit after he was relinquished by Customs Inspectors.

Murray's cache was the largest jewel seizure ever made by Customs agents on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Leake said Murray was attached to the Japanese occupation forces "in a capacity which gave him access to the assets of the Bank of Japan." He said the Customs acted on a tip that members of the armed services were failing to declare valuable gems brought in from the Orient.

All Cut

The diamonds ranged in size from one-fifth of a carat to ten carats. All were cut, but not set.

Mr. Leake said Murray apparently brought the cache in on a previous trip to the States.

Customs officials said they would not decide whether to prosecute Murray until the Army authorities had completed investigation. Army port officials announced that General MacArthur had ordered an immediate investigation in Japan.

Conviction for failing to declare the gems could bring Murray a maximum penalty of two years' imprisonment, a US\$5,000 fine and forfeiture of the jewels, and an additional penalty equal to the domestic value of the gems.

United Press.

Incident Outside H.K. Hotel

Percival Gardner, a seaman, was bound over in \$250 by Mr. Sheldon at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to assaulting Sin Sui-sun and Man Wah, prison warders, near the Hong Kong Hotel on Wednesday at 8.15 p.m.

Inspector Sell said that complainants were waiting for transport to Stanley. Accused came up and gripped one warder. The other intervened and Gardner struck him. Police whistles were blown and a crowd gathered. Defendant was taken to the police station by the patrol.

Defendant said that he had had a few drinks. He bumped into complainants to whom he apologised. He did not know how he went to the ground with one of them.

CONSUL'S TRAGIC DEATH

Peiping, Feb. 6. The death occurred suddenly today of Mr. John Boyce, British Consul in Peiping. The late Mr. Boyce came from Winterbourne-Strickland, Blandford, Dorset, and was stricken with encephalitis lethargica on Monday.

His death was the more tragic because it occurred the day before he was to marry Miss Eunice Oliver, of the British Embassy in Shanghai. —United Press.

D. M. S. Xavier, clerk of the Police Accounts Office, and of 80 Caine Road was granted a decree nisi against his wife, Florence Maria Xavier, of 19 Fort Street, by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court yesterday. Ignacio de Silva, of 45 King's Road, was named respondent.

Mr. Strelletti appeared for the petitioner and Mr. M. A. da Silva kept a watching brief for the respondent.

Sir Henry also granted a decree nisi to Julia Wan, of 84 Kennedy Road, against her husband, Lt.-Col. (Dr.) Yik-shing Wan, of 18 Caine Road. Mr. Sidney Ng Quing represented Mrs. Wan and Mr. D. H. Blake for Lt.-Col. Wan. Grounds in both cases was adultery. The decree nisi was ordered to be made absolute in three months.

Copenhagen, Feb. 5. Gustav Rasmussen, Danish Foreign Minister, stated today that the question of abolition of the Danish-American agreement on Greenland had been raised and negotiation begun. Last month diplomatic circles in Copenhagen denied that Rasmussen was negotiating with the American State Department for revision of the Danish-American agreement for Greenland air bases under United States protection. —United Press.

London, Feb. 5. "The Times" correspondent in Tokyo today wrote that the British occupation army wondered why it was in Japan, where the Americans ran everything.

In a long article published prominently on "The Times" editorial page, the writer said Britain was regarded by the Japanese as a "would-be militaristic nation without real power." He said the principal British activity to Japanese eyes appeared to be dress parades in Tokyo.

The dispatch praised General MacArthur's administration and stated that no British official wished to see Japan used like Germany. —United Press.

Tribute To H.K. Police

"I think it is unique in the history of the Colonial Empire for one police force to receive so many recommendations from His Excellency the Governor," said Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police, yesterday at a parade at Central Police Station when he presented members of the force with letters of recommendation for service in the defence of the Colony.

Over 200 officers and men paraded and after inspecting them the Commissioner handed the letters to each individual.

After the distribution the Commissioner said that it was a very proud day in the history of the police force which extended over a long period. That so many recommendations had been gained by members of the Hong Kong Police was a high tribute.

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After consultation with the National Joint Advisory Council of employers and employees on the economic state of the nation, the Government have published a White Paper, analysed in this page, summarising their conclusions. Though it added little or nothing to the sum of public knowledge, it epitomised facts and figures about manpower, exports and domestic supplies and minded no words as to the seriousness of the position. Again and again the White Paper emphasises the urgency of increased production, but when it comes to constructive proposals there is relatively little to be found. The upshot amounts to little more than another of those exhortations to output of which there has been a spurt in the past 12 months, and there is no coming to grips with real measures of redress.

On, for example, the highly relevant question of hours of work, which scarcely achieves so much as the honour of a mention at the very moment when France, also faced with a production crisis, is restoring the 48-hour week. Britain's workers are busy endeavouring to whittle it down, but the shorter week is to yield increased output has never been stated. The certainty is that in nine cases out of ten it will reduce output and will necessitate fresh drafts on already acutely short supplies of manpower (incisively reviewed in the White Paper), in order to restore production to where it was before. There is an argument, of course, that nominal reductions in working hours do not necessarily mean a real reduction but merely an increase in overtime payments. That is not necessarily always the case. In the coal industry, for instance, where a reduction impends, it will undoubtedly be actual and not nominal. Where, however, there is no actual reduction of hours but only an increase in the number of hours ranking for overtime, the change is simply a roundabout method of securing a rise in wages without any rise in production.

This brings up the issue of wages, on which the White Paper also preserves a studied vagueness. It makes the pertinent remark that "if costs of production and in consequence prices rise in relation to world prices, it may make it impossible for us to pay our way in the world and buy all the imports we need." It also mentions Exchequer subsidies, reaching in the current year nearly £200,000,000, designed to keep the cost of living stable. The obvious inference, which it fails to draw in so many words, is that there should be no general increases in wages without commensurate increases in production. Yet the wage index rose by eight per cent. last year and is still rising.

In Britain, as in Hong Kong and elsewhere, there appears to be a steady, relentless wage inflation in progress, against which the Home Government have rejected the opportunity of setting their face. If they will not give a clear lead in the matter, despite the acknowledged danger that the result may be inability to pay our way in the world, what is the use of warnings, or, indeed, of the White Paper at all? There is something conflicting in the realm of pure economics in the sacred name of laissez faire, a Government which prides itself on being the initiator of a planned economy will not venture to carry things through to their logical conclusion. The gap between diagnosis and remedy is not particularly to the credit of the Government.

Stockholm, Feb. 5. Twenty-two thousand workers in Sweden's metal industries were out on a token strike today in protest against the alleged slow progress made by the arbitration committee employers and workers in dealing with their claim for higher wages. The strike started in Gothenburg and蔓延 spread to Stockholm.

BRITAIN MUST WORK HARDER OR STARVE

This is the economic situation in Britain as it exists in the eyes of the Government, and the Government's ideas about its remedy. A detailed account of the situation as seen from the trade unions, with interpretative commentary on recent claims for shorter hours, strikes and trade disputes, will follow.

As a proper source for financing improvements and re-equipping and salaries have also increased since the beginning of the war, but a substantial proportion of incomes from all these sources were taken by the Government in the form of taxes.

The change-over-from-war-to-peace, so far, has been made very smoothly, states the White Paper. "There has been less friction than there was in the corresponding period 17 months after the 1918 armistice, when no less than 39,500,000 working days were lost owing to trade disputes compared with 3,750,000 days in the corresponding period after the 1939-45 war."

The more satisfactory position we are in today reflects the good sense and steadiness of the general body of the workers, and shows that the improved relationship between the two sides places industry in a much better position to deal with the problems that confront it than after the last war."

Very Different

This time the situation is very different from that after World War I. Then Britain had too many workers, and millions of pounds worth of goods the country could not afford to buy. To-day there are too few workers and, according to the White Paper, "too much money chasing after too few goods."

The White Paper admits that there are in Britain today "patches of local unemployment" which the Government is doing its utmost to remedy and that more such unemployment may occur in the coming months because of unavoidable shortages of essential materials. This is, however, a very different thing from the widespread and prolonged unemployment which occurred between the wars. According to the White Paper, there will be a high demand for the products of Britain's industry, and, provided Britain's prices were right, "the old fear of bad trade and unemployment should be a thing of the past."

The Government, in the White Paper, warns however that depressions arising abroad may spread the contagion of unemployment to Britain's own export industries.

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ed as a proper source for financing improvements and re-equipping and salaries have also increased since the beginning of the war, but a substantial proportion of incomes from all these sources were taken by the Government in the form of taxes.

The change-over-from-war-to-peace, so far, has been made very smoothly, states the White Paper. "There has been less friction than there was in the corresponding period 17 months after the 1918 armistice, when no less than 39,500,000 working days were lost owing to trade disputes compared with 3,750,000 days in the corresponding period after the 1939-45 war."

The more satisfactory position we are in today reflects the good sense and steadiness of the general body of the workers, and shows that the improved relationship between the two sides places industry in a much better position to deal with the problems that confront it than after the last war."

This time the situation is very different from that after World War I. Then Britain had too many workers, and millions of pounds worth of goods the country could not afford to buy. To-day there are too few workers and, according to the White Paper, "too much money chasing after too few goods."

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PUT A CURB
ON MOODS

It will cost you plenty of points to let your moods govern your moves, especially in the bidding. The player who acts upon a temper, or upon a mood he has attained, because of a succession of events, is pretty likely to ruin his emotionalism. But since there are players with that type of nervous system, or mind, or whatever it is, and since some of their opponents have them figured out, many an unwise bid and double gets made.

Even if that contract had been set, his side would have profited for the opponents could make 4-Spades with the loss of a trick each in spades, diamonds and clubs. But the 4-Diamonds doubled got made, as South played so as to lose only one trick apiece in spades, diamonds and clubs after he ruffed the heart lead.

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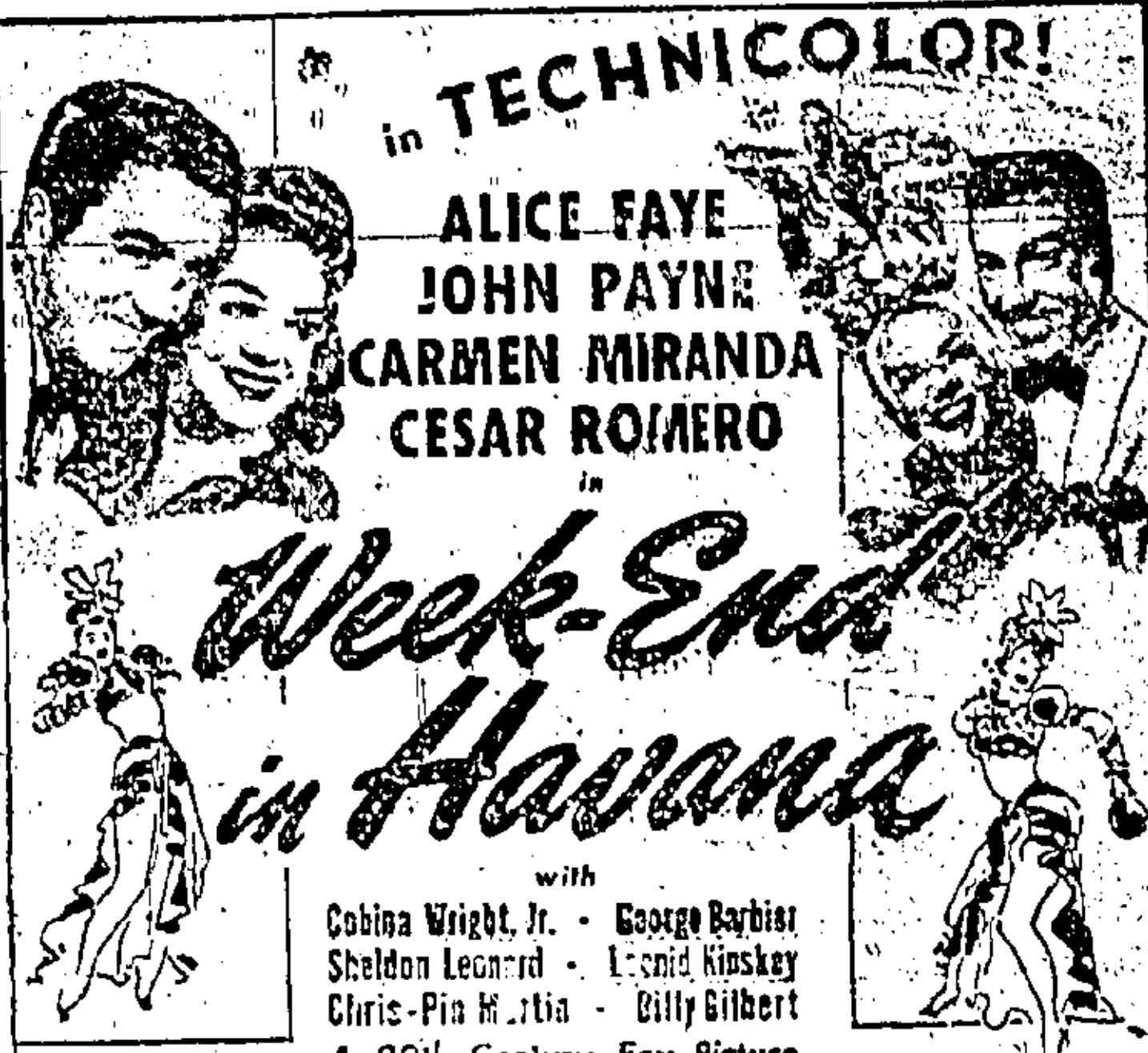
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TRUMAN'S REPORT ON UNITED NATIONS

Washington, Feb. 6. President Truman told Congress that the United Nations has made "great progress" in the past year, but that the world's hopes for peace can yet be betrayed and lost.

The difficulties and dangers that lie before us are many and serious, the President said in a letter, transmitted to both the Senate and House, which contained a report on the United Nations activities in the world organisation during 1946.

He declared in the report that progress made in the international control of atomic energy is "heartening" due chiefly to the increasing Russian agreement with American proposals for world control system.

But he described as "disappointingly slow" the work of the Military Staff Committee.

The United Nations agency has the task of organising the forces which the Security Council is authorised to use against any future aggressor, he said. He added, however, that there are already signs of greater speed and it is hoped that the pace of the committee's work will continue to accelerate.

Of trusteeship, Mr. Truman said: "Provisions of the charter relating to dependent peoples refer to those hundreds of millions who do not yet govern themselves their best hope for attainment of this and other

Mr. Truman reminded Congress that "copies of a draft of a trusteeship agreement for the former Japanese mandated islands which consist of the mandated Marianas, Carolina and Marshall islands" were transmitted for information to other members of the Security Council and to New Zealand and the Philippines and were later made available to the public.

President Truman added: "The security interests of the United States are protected through the designation of the territory as strategic and through specific authorisation for the United States to maintain installations for troops in the territory.

These and other security measures do not detract from the detailed provisions in the draft agreement for political, economic, social and educational advancement of the inhabitants and for equal economic treatment to be accorded all other members of the United Nations in the territory." —Associated Press.

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BRITAIN AND SPITZBERGEN

London, Feb. 5. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, replying to a question on the extent to which British interests in Spitzbergen were affected as a result of negotiations between the Soviet Union and Norway, told the House today:

"According to my information, an exchange of views between the Soviet and Norwegian Governments regarding Spitzbergen have been of an exploratory nature only, and neither government has suggested to other signatories of the Treaty of 1920 that its revisions should be discussed." —Reuters.

London Stock Market

London, Feb. 5. The feature of the day on the London Stock Exchange was the sharp upturn in those Kafirs interested in Gold Fields Developments, such as West African Holdings and Orange Free State Investments. Trust and Anglo-Argentine Goldfields also gained, and some buyers appeared to hold that Holden and Orla finished near the best of the day. Other markets did very little, with Industrial the chief sufferers as a result of the fuel situation. Colliery and in late dealing some electric supplies, were singled out for attention but otherwise prices continued their drift to lower levels. British funds remained firm, and some very little variation, peaking the dividend season, which opened on Friday with the London Midland announcement. Interest was small in foreign bonds.

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m.v. "Dona Nati"	15th Apr.	New York

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s.s. "Cebu"	15th Feb.	Manila & Cebu
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SGCONY AND THE SAUDI-ARABIA PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS

New York, Feb. 6.
The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company are expected to obtain, early in 1947, a 40 per cent interest in the immense American petroleum concessions in Saudi-Arabia.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Some decided improvement was evident in the market, with buyers coming in at higher prices. The most important factor has been having changes in the market, with buyers coming in at higher prices. The most important factor has been having changes in the market, with buyers coming in at higher prices.

At present, Standard Oil of California and the Texas Company control, through the Arabian-American Oil Company, about 250,000,000 barrels of potential oil property in Saudi-Arabia.

The discussions of transfer of part interest, while conducted in extreme secrecy, have become common reports within the American oil industry.

As to why California Standard and the Texas Company are willing to transfer part of their interests is a question which will answer.

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 6.
Motors showed the only burst of speed in an otherwise dull market. Leading automotive shares added gains of two points or more. Selected textiles enjoyed a late run-up. Gainers included Continental Motors, Willys Overland, Wm. W. Worsted, Consolidated Edison, American Can, Dow Chemical, and Allied Chemical. Transfers were around 1,000,000 shares. The Dow Jones Industrial Stock Index was 60. Industrial stocks: 182.53, 15. Railroads 61.72, 10. Utilities 36.97. Closing stock quotations:

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES.

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SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES VIA SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU

SS "Rutland Victory"	February	15
SS "General Gordon"	March	2
SS "Marine Lynx"	March	17
SS "General Meigs"	April	15
SS "General Meigs"	February	13

HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO VIA MANILA

SS "General Meigs"	February	13
SS "General Meigs"	March	8

NEW YORK AND BOSTON VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES

SS "Rutland Victory"	February	15
SS "Williamette Victory"	March	11

NEW YORK AND HAVANA VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, COCHIN, BOMBAY, SUEZ AND MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

SS "Scott E. Land"	February	18
SS "Marine Flyer"	March	8

SINGAPORE

SS "Williamette Victory"	February	14

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TEST MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

Compton And Morris Get "Doubles"

Evans Breaks A World Record!

Adelaide, Feb. 6.

Australia today won the rubber as the fourth Test ended in a draw. Australia had won the first two and drawn the third. It was a day of glorious cricket, with play never becoming dull despite a temperature of nearly 100 degrees.

Set to score 314 runs in 210 minutes for victory, Bradman and his men had knocked off 215 for the loss of Harvey's wicket when stumps were drawn on the final day.

Compton, Morris and Evans were the heroes of today's play. Compton and Morris both scored centuries in both innings, while Evans, when England were in a dangerous position, hung on for 97 minutes this morning before opening his account. This was a world record, the previous best being in 1889 when an Australian batsman was out batting for 67 minutes without scoring.

The day's play started with England in a very dangerous position, having lost eight wickets for 274 runs. Compton, with his overnight score of 62, was the last recognised batsman in and the fall of a quick wicket would have enhanced Australia's prospect of victory. However, Evans, withstand all the wiles of Bradman's bowlers to remove him and he stayed with Compton until lunch. By that time Compton had scored 103 not out.

He became the fourth batsman to accomplish the "double," the others being Hammond and Sutcliffe, of England, and Bardsley, of Australia.

The lunch score was 346 for eight, with Evans 10 not out.

Difficult Task

After Compton had taken the first ball from Lindwall, after the lunch adjournment, Hammond declared the innings closed, thus setting Australia the very difficult task of scoring 314 runs in 210 minutes.

Hammond realised that a draw would not save the Ashes and his only chance of drawing the series was to win this and the next Test.

Though the task was hard, Harvey and Morris played aggressive cricket, but Morris completely overshadowed his partner.

Australia's first 50 went up in 48 minutes, a pace which was not fast enough for victory. After scoring 116 Australia let Harvey, who was bowled by Norman Yardley. The out-going batsmen had scored 31 of the runs.

Merry Knock

Bradman came out to partner Morris. The captain was content to remain quiet and allow Morris to do the scoring.

Arthur Morris soon reached his century and became the sixth batsmen to accomplish this feat. This is his first year of Test cricket and he had already created a record when, in his first first-class match in 1941 he scored centuries in both innings.

After Morris had completed his "double," Bradman played a

Jehovah's Witnesses On Trial

Belgrade, Feb. 5. It was announced officially today that 18 members of the international religious sect "Jehovah's Witnesses" went on trial in Zagreb on Monday on charges of refusing to co-operate with the "people's authorities."

The indictment charged the defendants with maintaining contact with "international reactionaries" by "sending false reports to the organisation's European headquarters in Berne and hence to its international headquarters in Brooklyn."

The official report of the trial said "Jehovah's witness" Rudolph Kral admitted that the organisation was formed illegally in 1936, but denied it had received money from International Headquarters since the end of the war.

Officials of the organisation were charged with advising their followers to avoid conscription and to undermine the efforts of the Government, while awaiting the coming of "Jehovah's Kingdom."—United Press.

ENGLAND

First Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lindwall	23	5	42	4
Miller	16	0	45	1
Toshack	30	12	92	1
Hardstaff	29	1	59	1
Compton	22	3	60	1
Evans	2	1	133	3
Extras	1	1	1	0
Total	400			

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Evans	2	1	133	3
Extras	1	1	1	0
Total (for 8 dec.)	400			

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lindwall	23	5	42	4
Miller	16	0	45	1
Toshack	30	12	92	1
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Compton	22	3	60	1
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SECOND INNINGS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lindwall	23	5	42	4
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Toshack	30	12	92	1
Hardstaff	29	1	59	1
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Evans	2	1	133	3
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AUSTRALIA

First Innings

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Harvey	b. Johnson	12	1	0
Morris	b. Bedser	12	1	0
Bradman	b. Bradman	12	1	0
Hardstaff	b. Hardstaff	12	1	0
Yardley	b. Yardley	12	1	0
Compton	b. Compton	12	1	0
Evans	b. Evans	12	1	0
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